

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

ASAHARA et al.

Art Unit: 1645

Application No.: 10/772,271

Examiner: Brian J. GANGLE

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Confirmation No.: 4145

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment dated 29 March 2007 ("Notice"), which set a thirty-day, non-statutory period for response, please consider the following arguments. Furthermore, in a telephone discussion with Examiner Gangle on 05 April 2007, it was agreed that the basis for non-responsiveness will be withdrawn, and the Amendment and Response filed on 08 January 2007 will be fully considered and examined. Examiner Gangle requested that a response presenting arguments as discussed during our phone conversation be filed, and therefore, is submitted herewith.

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